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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revise the existing Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) as appeared in the Economic Times on August 8, 2007;

(b) if so, facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : On going through the Economic Times dated August 8, 2007 of Delhi edition, no such news item about revising the existing Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) has been noticed. APDRP was launched in the year 2002-03 with the objective of encouraging reforms and of reduction in Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses, improving quality of supply of power and improving consumer satisfaction. The Government took up the independent evaluation of the programme through independent agencies. While recommending the continuance of the APDRP beyond 10th Plan, the evaluators made certain suggestions for achieving better results in the programme. The Utilities and the Planning Commission had also proposed certain modifications in the programme. Considering this, the Ministry of Power constituted a Task Force, headed by Shri P. Abraham, former Secretary, Government of India, to assess and analyze the current efforts, suggestions made by various agencies and to suggest restructuring of the programme to achieve the objectives of APDRP. In view of the recommendations/suggestions of the various stakeholders on the implementation of APDRP, the programme is proposed to be continued with the revised terms and conditions during the Eleventh Five Year Plan to make it more effective.